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Shelter Animals Hope to Find Homes for the Holidays

November 18, 2009 – Waterford, VA – Staff at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter recently discovered a strange letter in their outgoing mail box. Addressed to “Santa Claws,” the letter appeared to be written overnight while the animals were supposed to be sleeping. It read:

Dear Santa Claws,

We've been really purr-fect cats this year, and we hope that you get this letter. We aren't asking for new toys or even treats. What we really want for the holidays is a real home of our very own.

Don't get us wrong, everyone here at the shelter is really nice, and they take good care of us. But it is just not the same as having a home and family of our own. Some of us came from homes where the people really loved us, but just couldn't keep us anymore. And some of our families had to move and we weren't allowed to go along. And a couple of us lived out on our own in the streets.

No matter why we came to the shelter, we are all really good boys and girls, and we will make great pets. We don't scratch anything that we're not supposed to, and we all have been very tidy about using our litter boxes. We love to cuddle and play with the people who come to visit, but we would really like for someone to take us home and love us forever. So if you could help us to find some families that are looking for wonderful pets, we'd be forever grateful!

*Love,
The Loudoun County Animal Shelter Cats*

PS – the dogs here are looking for homes too. They don't bark too much and are actually very nice (considering they are dogs, after all).

PPS – there are a lot of guinea pigs and hamsters here too! They are mighty cute... and they need homes too.

Animal Shelter officials are responding to this request with a special **Home for the Holidays** adoption program. Through the month of December, the **spay/neuter fee** will be **waived** for all animals adopted from the Shelter. The goal of the program is to find a **new home** for **every animal** in the Shelter before the New Year!

Animals available for adoption can be seen online at the Shelter's website: www.loudoun.gov/animals. Animals can be visited at the Animal Shelter, located off Route 9 in Waterford, during the following times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 1:00-6:00pm, Wednesday 1:00-8:00pm, and Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Shelter information & directions can be found at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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